

# CONSTITUTION

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## BY-LAWS

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# Sir Wm. Wallace

## Benefit Society.



VICTORIA :

H. G. WATERTON, PRINTER, 130½ GOVERNMENT ST.  
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## Order of Business.



- 1st. Roll Call of Officers.
- 2nd. Reading Minutes of last Meeting.
- 3rd. Report of Committees.
- 4th. Report of Trustees.
- 5th. Proposal for Membership.
- 6th. Recess for Paying Dues.
- 7th. Paying Bills.
- 8th. Unfinished Business.
- 9th. New Business.
- 10th. Good and Welfare.
- 11th. Auld Lang Syne.

## CONSTITUTION.



ART. 1. The name of this Society shall be "The Sir William Wallace Benefit Society." Its members shall consist of Scotsmen, the sons or grand-sons of Scotsmen. Its object shall be the general welfare of its members, including their relief in sickness.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall consist of Chief, 1st Chieftain, 2nd Chieftain, a Management Committee consisting of five members, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and two Trustees, all of whom shall be elected by ballot half-yearly at the last regular meeting in June and December.

ART. 3. With reference to the use of intoxicating liquors, this Society, while not interfering with the personal liberty of its members, does as a Society determine that no intoxicating liquors shall be permitted to be used under any pretence or under any circumstances whatever at any of its meetings, entertainments, socials, picnics, and does hereby express its sense of disapproval of the customs hitherto prevailing in other societies.

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ART. 4. That this Society will, as far as possible, assist its members in securing employment and provide them with suitable amusements by means of socials, concerts, lectures, etc.

ART. 5. All candidates for membership must be Scotsmen, sons or grand-sons of Scotsmen, of not less than eighteen or more than fifty years of age, of good moral character and sound health.

ART. 6. After being proposed and seconded at a previous meeting candidates shall be balloted for within three months, after being proposed. Three black balls shall cause rejection, but in case of supposed error, the ballot may be repeated by resolution of the members, provided no member has left the room. The name in full, age, profession, and place of abode of all candidates shall be given, and satisfactory medical certificates produced prior to the ballot being taken. After election all members shall sign the constitution and by-laws. (The medical certificate referred to in the foregoing articles shall be furnished by the Society's Physician, who shall certify to the sound health of the candidate at the time of application.)

ART. 7. Any Scotsman above the age of fifty, may be made an honorary member by the payment of the entrance fee, but shall have no voice in the management of the Society, nor receive sick benefit.



ART. 8. Candidates for membership shall pay an entrance fee of \$7.00. 50 per cent. on application, and 50 per cent. one month after election.

ART. 9. The members shall pay a monthly fee of 50 cents which must be paid regularly, and all members must be at least six months in the Society and in good standing, before being eligible for sick benefit.

ART. 10. Any member of good standing who has become incapacitated from following his daily occupation shall receive sick benefit at the rate of \$5.00 per week for the first thirteen weeks, and \$3.00 for the second thirteen weeks.

ART. 11. (a) Sick relief shall not be granted to any member whose illness has been caused by intemperance, immorality or criminal neglect; (b) Any member, who, while in receipt of sick relief, is guilty of intemperance, immorality or criminal neglect, or is proved to be capable of following his employment, shall be at once suspended and subsequently dealt with at the discretion of the Society.

ART. 12. Any member convicted of a crime against the law of the land shall be expelled from the Society.

ART. 13. Any member guilty of fraud or other disgraceful conduct, following any notoriously wicked practice, using any unlawful

means for securing a livelihood, being repeatedly in a state of intoxication, slandering another, designing, printing, publishing or circulating any article or documents, calculated to bring any member into contempt, shall on proof thereof be expelled.

ART 14. Any member owing over thirteen weeks' dues shall be suspended from any benefit until he shall have paid what is due; and for thirteen weeks thereafter he shall not be entitled to any benefit.

ART. 15. Any member owing more than twelve months' dues shall cease to belong to the Society, but may be re-admitted on payment of entrance fee, and on production of new certificate of sound health, but he shall not receive any sick benefit until he shall have been six months thereafter in good standing.

ART. 16. With reference to the disposal of the funds of the Society, it is decided as follows:

1st. A certain percentage of the gross income of the Society from all sources, to be agreed upon at each quarterly meeting (which must not be less than twenty-five per cent. of the same in any case) be set apart for the benefit fund.

2nd. The balance shall be left for the working expenses of the Society and any further balance (after paying all liabilities), to be put into a sinking fund and used as the Society shall direct in the purchase of real estate or other property.

# BY-LAWS.



## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1.** The presiding officer shall preserve order, and decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the members present. When the question before the members shall be "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" the question shall be taken by the presiding officer without debate.

**RULE 2.** During the reading of minutes, communications and other papers, or when a member is addressing the chair, silence shall be observed by the members.

**RULE 3.** Any member, who shall misbehave in the meeting, disturb the order and harmony thereof, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall not act in obedience to the presiding officer, shall be admonished by the chairman for his offence, and if he repeats the offence, he shall be excluded from the meeting, and afterwards dealt with, at pleasure, by the members present.

**RULE 4.** No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except for the purpose of calling him to order, or for explanation.

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RULE 5. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, if the point of order raised be decided in his favor, he may proceed.

RULE 6. Each member, when speaking, shall stand and respectfully address the chair, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities or indecorous language.

RULE 7. A motion carried in the affirmative or negative shall not be subject to reconsideration unless such action shall take place at the same or next regular meeting. Every member present entitled to vote, must exercise that right unless excused.

RULE 8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

RULE 9. A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the chair, and it shall be reduced in writing at the request of the chair.

RULE 10. Before putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask: "Are you ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he



shall put the question, and after doing so, no member shall be permitted to speak on the matter.

RULE 11. When the presiding officer is addressing the meeting, or putting a question, silence shall be observed.

RULE 12. A member shall not speak more than twice nor longer than ten minutes on the same subject or question, but he may, after all who wish to speak have had an opportunity of doing so, with the permission of the presiding officer, speak a third time.

RULE 13. Any member may call for a division of the question, when the sense will permit, but no motion to strike out or insert shall be admissable, except at the option of the mover.

RULE 14. When a question is before the Society no motion shall be in order except to adjourn, the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to commit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order here arranged.

RULE 15. On the call of five members a majority may demand the previous question, which shall be in this form "Shall the main

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question be now put?" and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments, and all further debate.

**RULE 16.** A motion to adjourn is always in order, which motion shall be decided without debate, but a motion to adjourn to a definite time shall be debatable.

**RULE 17.** A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

**RULE 18.** A motion to reconsider shall not be received unless made by a member, who, in the first instance, voted with the majority.

**RULE 19.** When a question is definitely postponed, it shall not be acted upon until the time fixed shall have expired.

**RULE 20.** Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of another committee.

**RULE 21.** The first person named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the members of the committee. The mover of a resolution, which is referred to a special committee, is usually first named thereon.

**RULE 22.** A committee cannot be discharged until all debts contracted by it have been paid.

**RULE 23.** The chairman shall not be permitted to take part in a debate without having previously left the chair.

**RULE 24.** The chairman shall exercise the casting vote in case of an equal vote being taken in the Society.

**RULE 25.** The above by-laws shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members at a special meeting called for that purpose, notice of motion having been given two meeting nights previously.

**RULE 26.** A special meeting of the Society may be called by the chairman at the request of nine members in good standing, or by a vote of the Society at some previous meeting.

**RULE 27.** Half-yearly meetings shall be held on the last regular meeting nights in December and June in each year, to which meetings, members must be specially summoned.

#### DUTY OF CHIEF.

The Chief shall, when he is present, preside at all meetings of the Society, preserve order, put the question and declare the decision. He shall also sign all orders on the Treasurer from the Trustees.

DUTY OF THE CHIEFTAINS.

The duties specified in the foregoing article shall, in the absence of the Chief, devolve on the Chieftains, who shall have equal power with the Chief. In the event of neither the Chief, or any of the Chieftains being present, the meeting shall appoint a chairman to act in his or their stead.

DUTY OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees, shall constitute a board for dispensing the the Society's bounty, agreeable to the regulations and restrictions prescribed in this constitution, or by the laws and resolves of this Society, and for this purpose they shall meet twice a month, or oftener if the business shall require. At their meetings they shall decide on the application of claimants and if they consent to grant relief, they shall recommend them to the Chief, or in his absence, the Chieftains.

DUTY OF THE PHYSICIAN.

The duty of the Physician, who shall, if possible, be a member of the Society, shall be to examine into the health and physical condition of candidates on the request of the Society. He shall perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office, and as these laws may



provide. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may be agreed upon by himself and the Society.

#### DUTY OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer, previous to entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bonds to the Society, with suitable security, to be approved by the Society, as to their form and amount. He shall have the custody of the money and other property of the Society. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and expenditures in suitable books provided for that purpose. He shall, at each quarterly meeting, present an abstract of accounts, stating the amounts received and expended since the previous meeting, and likewise the whole amount received since the previous Anniversary assembly, specifying cash on hand, and what accounts may become due before the next meeting, that the Society may, if they think proper, take action for the disposition thereof. He shall enter on his book each sum paid by him in consequence of the recommendation of the Trustees, keeping all such orders on file. He shall not retain more than \$30.00 (Thirty Dollars) for immediate use at any time.

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### DUTY OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

The Financial Secretary previous to entering upon his duties shall give bonds to the Society with suitable security in the same manner as the Treasurer. He shall keep a list of the members of the Society, and an account of the fees and dues that accrue, and shall collect the same and promptly pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He can with the consent of the Society, appoint a messenger to deliver notices of meeting and to collect dues. He shall make a financial report each month stating amount collected during the month and the amount received from other sources.

### DUTY OF SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall have the custody of all the records of the Society, and shall make a regular entry of all the proceedings of each meeting. He shall keep a list of the members of the Society. He shall summon the regular members to all quarterly and regular meetings. He shall, on the order of the Society, erase from the list of members the names of all such persons as by the terms of this constitution shall have forfeited their title to membership, making a report thereof at the next meeting. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and in the absence of the Financial Secretary he

shall perform his duties ad interim. He shall have the custody of the seal and papers of the Society, and shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Society may determine.

He shall receive from the Trustees and report (at the semi-annual meeting of the Society) as to the furniture, goods, chattels, etc., and other property belonging or owned by the Society.



## LIST OF MEMBERS' NAMES.

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| Wm. Anderson        | R. H. Jameson    |
| John Anderson       | Wm. C. Kerr      |
| J. A. Anderson      | Joseph Mellon    |
| Wm. Allan           | Neil McCallum    |
| G. S. Adams         | A. McCrimmon     |
| A. Beaton           | N. McLeod        |
| Roderick Begg       | Wm. McCurrach    |
| John Boyd           | D. D. McIntosh   |
| A. Brownlie         | Dan Mackay       |
| David Campbell      | W. D. McGregor   |
| James McL. Campbell | John Mackie      |
| Donald Campbell     | J. R. Mackenzie  |
| R. Chambers         | John McLagan     |
| John Davidson       | Charles Mackay   |
| P. W. Dempster.     | A. M. Muir       |
| W. J. Douglas       | Alex. Noble      |
| James Ford          | Percy Purvis     |
| Robert Foster       | A. Robertson     |
| A. B. Fraser        | Thos. M. Robb    |
| A. R. Fraser        | Duncan Ross      |
| R. L. Fraser, M.D.  | G. T. Sheret     |
| Robt. Graham        | J. F. Smith      |
| Thomas Graham       | W. Stewart       |
| Jas. Gray           | H. A. Sutherland |
| Robt. Hamilton      | H. G. Waterson   |
| A. G. Hay           | Geo. Webb        |
| Wm. Hutcheon        | R. S. Wiseman    |
| Jas. H. Inch        |                  |